

REGION 5 POLLUTION PREVENTION DEMONSTRATION GRANTS

OBJECTIVES: Grant funds are to be used to promote local, regional, or tribal pollution prevention (P2) projects that reduce waste and pollutants at the source. P2 is any practice prior to recycling, treatment or disposal that reduces, eliminates or prevents pollution from being generated. Applicants are expected to have a thorough understanding of pollution prevention techniques to assist businesses and institutions in reducing pollution at the source.

REGION 5 PRIORITIES FOR 2003: EPA will focus on innovative projects that can be reproduced throughout the Region (note: Region 5 includes IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI) and address the following areas:

- Likelihood of showing actual measurable results especially direct environmental benefit of waste reduced.
- Reductions in persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic (PBT) contaminants.
- Leverage successes from or provide benefits to National/ Regional P2 projects such as - [Hospitals for a Healthy Environment](#), [Environmentally Preferable Purchasing](#), [Greening the Supply Chain](#), [PBT P2 projects](#) or greening the government.

All proposals must include plans for measuring and reporting the quantitative and qualitative impacts of the project.

ALLOWABLE PROJECTS: Projects can include demonstrations which help businesses and institutions implement pollution prevention. Due to the limited amount of funding available in this program, projects may be directed to apply for funding through other programs. Examples of P2 Demonstration grants that we have funded the last few years can be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region5/p2/grants.html#Demonstration>

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Funds can be awarded to nonprofit organizations including State agencies, Tribes, local governments, universities and environmental citizen groups. Profit-making organizations are not eligible.

LENGTH OF FUNDING ASSISTANCE AND FUNDING AMOUNTS: Grant projects are normally funded for 1 year to 2 years, though project periods can be adjusted. In 2003, we expect slightly over \$100,000 in Regional P2 Demonstration funds. Grants are generally issued in the range of \$20,000 to \$50,000. The Region requests a 5% match of the total project cost. Proposals that effectively leverage an organizations expertise and resources are also favored.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Interested organizations must contact EPA to discuss project ideas prior to submitting a proposal. The 1-2 page proposal should include a brief summary, participants, measurement plans, and funding requested. Organizations whose proposals are selected will be contacted and asked to submit a complete application form. Proposals will be accepted from 1/03 through 4/03. Grants are typically awarded June through August.

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